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Re: HRN Broadcasting, Inc.
WADA (AM), Shelby, North Carolina
Facility Identification Number: 70669
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Counsel:

This is in reference to the request filed August 7, 2008, on behalf of HRN Broadcasting, Inc. ("HRN"). HRN requests further extension of the special temporary authority ("STA") granted on June 13, 2007, to operate Station WADA during nighttime hours with parameters at variance and/or reduced power while maintaining monitor points within licensed limits.¹ In support of the request, HRN states that, due to uncertainties about continuation of its lease for the property on which the nighttime array is located, it is exploring its options for extension of the lease or possibly relocating the transmission facility. HRN states that, under the circumstances, it would be imprudent to invest in restoration of the existing array.

Requests for extension of STA will be granted only where the licensee can show that one or more of the following criteria have been met:

- Restoration of licensed facilities is complete and testing is underway;
- Substantial progress has been made during the most recent STA period toward restoration of licensed operation; or
- No progress has been made during the most recent STA period for reasons clearly beyond the licensee's control, and the licensee has taken all possible steps to expeditiously resolve the problem.

Our review indicates that the licensee has been prevented from restoring licensed operation due

¹ WADA is licensed for operation on 1390 kHz with 1 kilowatt daytime and 0.5 kilowatt nighttime, employing a directional antenna during nighttime hours only (DA-N-U).

to causes beyond its control and has taken all possible steps to expeditiously resolve the problem. Thus, extension of STA is warranted.

Accordingly, the request for extension of STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station WADA may continue to operate during nighttime hours with parameters at variance and/or reduced power while maintaining monitor points within licensed limits. It will be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. HRN must notify the Commission when licensed operation is restored.² HRN must use whatever means are necessary to protect workers and the public from exposure to radio frequency radiation in excess of the Commission's exposure guidelines. *See* 47 CFR § 1.1310.

This authority expires on **December 2, 2009**.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Charles N. Miller", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Charles N. Miller, Engineer
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cc: HRN Broadcasting, Inc.

² *See* 47 CFR §§ 73.45(c), 73.51, 73.54, 73.61(b).